

General James Giles House
Broad Street
Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer
133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

General James Giles House
Broad Street
Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. J. Cleves Diamant

Date of Erection: 1792

Architect:

Builder: Benjamin Keen

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Floors - random width

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers,
tin over wood shingles

Historical Data:

General James Giles was a New Yorker by birth. He served in the Revolutionary War as a lieutenant in the Artillery attached to the corps commanded by Lafayette. After the war he became a student-at-law with Joseph Bloomfield at Trenton. He was licensed as an attorney in 1783 and later as

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a counselor. In 1804 he was made a sergeant-at-law. He married a sister of Governor Bloomfield, was admitted to the New York Bar, and took up his residence in New York.

In 1788 he moved to Bridgeton and resided there the remainder of his life. The year after he arrived in Bridgeton, he was appointed clerk of Cumberland County, an office he held for fifteen years, practicing law at the same time.

The residence later served as the home of Reverend S. Beach Jones, Colonel William E. Potter, Captain Lehman Garrison, and now for Mr. J. Cleves Diament and family.

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